

DRAFT MINUTES

**Waltham Forest Working Together
(The Strategic Partnership (LSP) for Waltham Forest)**

SAFETYNET PARTNERSHIP BOARD, EXECUTIVE GROUP

**Minutes of a meeting of the LSP SafetyNet Partnership Board, Executive Group held on
Wednesday 5th January 2005 at 2.30pm in Committee Room 2 at Waltham Forest Town
Hall**

Present:

Members.

Commander George Clarke (Chair)
Alastair Macorkindale
Councillor Barry Smith
Robin Tuddenham
Dave Brown
Supt. Stewart Rivers
Jim Saddington

Metropolitan Police Service
LBWF, Drug Action Co-ordinator
LBWF, Cabinet Member
LBWF, Unit Head Community Safety
LBWF, Community Services
Metropolitan Police Service, Supt. Operations
London Fire Brigade

Lead Support Officers.

Visitors.

Rico Isaacs
Miffa Salter
Shahid Mallam
Chief Insp. Ian Larnder
Chief Insp. Steve Sullivan
Bruce Clarke
Matthew Smith

LBWF, Executive Support Officer
Urban Canda
LBWF, Senior Personnel Officer
MPS, Community Portfolio Holder
MPS, Performance & Review
LBWF, Committee Manager
LBWF, Committee Manager

Item

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1. INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

All those present introduced themselves.

Apologies for absence were received from Alison Dale (Government Office for London), Jacquie Dean (LBWF, Interim Chief Executive), Graham Moss (EduAction), Nick Howell-Ives (Probation Service), Dianne Andrews (LBWF, Hate Crime Reduction Co-ordinator) and Mee Cheuk (LBWF, Domestic Violence Reduction Co-ordinator).

The Chair advised that Supt. Stewart Rivers had taken over from Supt. Dave Grant, initially on an interim basis pending further developments within his command.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1st DECEMBER 2004 AND MATTERS ARISING.

Accuracy: Page 4, item 9(2) – ‘Defending the Hood 2’ – this item to be deleted.

Matters Arising:

Page 2, item 4.1 – Audit Executive Summary nearing completion, front cover requires further review before finalising.

Page 3, item 4.2 – Collated Consultation responses to be distributed to all members.

Page 4, item 7 – the Youth Crime Action Plan has been completed.

Page 4, item 8 – PPO Case Panels – ensure Housing Dept. are sent Agendas and relevant documents regarding future Case Panel meetings.

Page 5, item 9 – ‘Good News’ mechanism – a meeting has been held with the Unit Head, Corporate Communications looking at putting further capacity into the Unit to cover Community Safety issues.

Noted a request from Corporate Communications that the editor of the WF Guardian be invited to attend future SafetyNet Executive Group meetings. After relevant discussion it was **AGREED** that there were no objections to such an invitation being issued by the Unit Head, Community Safety.

3. **CRIME, DRUGS & DISORDER STRATEGY 2005-8 / BOROUGH POLICING PLAN – TARGET SETTING.**

3.1 A draft target setting paper was distributed to attendees. Noted that decisions still have to be taken on which targets should be included and the document showed a possible ‘scoring’ methodology that could be utilised. Targets relating to Drugs & Alcohol will be added and scored separately.

3.2 Two Metropolitan Police Borough Policing Plan papers covering Targets & Offers and Variable Targets were distributed to attendees. Noted the following comments:

- These papers cover a four-year (2004/5 – 2007/8) target of a 20% reduction in crime.
- Identified a need to try and achieve synchronicity between Police and SafetyNet targets.
- Territorial Policing (TP) data is considered as flawed, based as it is on only three months figures. Local projections indicate in most cases that actual totals as at 31st March 2005 will be higher than TP figures are suggesting.
- Reductions as shown are being offered to TP for the period 2005/6.
- A further meeting with the Government Office for London has been set for 6th January 2005 to further discuss the targets ‘offered’ by the Police.
- A rationale will be required to cover any discrepancies between the targets offered to the Metropolitan Police Authority and those set by SafetyNet.

3.3 The first draft of Putting Safety First, Waltham Forest’s Crime, Disorder and Drugs Strategy 2005/08, was distributed to attendees.

Noted that this will ultimately be a public document and the next stage in its development will be to utilise members’ creativity and ideas. The final version needs to be finished by the end of February, then shown to the Overview & Scrutiny Commission before final submission to Cabinet in March 2005.

4. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & HATE CRIME – QUARTERLY UPDATE.**

Noted the following comments:

- A Hate Crime event is to be held on 20th January 2005.
- A ‘day count’ (one day collection of all related data) is to be held in February 2005.
- The Y Stop Project has been well received and won two awards.
- Distribution of personal attack alarms will be promoted in the local media.
- Disappointingly few incidents being reported via non-police reporting sites – further publicity via the local media to be arranged.
- Extremely successful and well received Domestic Violence training has supported related Police activities.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Figures shown in section 2(a) of the paper, as well as data contained in the related 'Top 21 Targets' (Victims referred to Support Services, People receiving family support through initial intervention and Increase in reporting to non-police reporting sites), needs to be checked and reviewed.	Unit Head
<p>ACTION: Relevant data to be checked and reviewed – revert when adjusted data available.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Anti - Bullying should be referred to as Prevention of Bullying.Outreach work closed due to lack of funding – this will hopefully be looked at again via the Safer Stronger Communities Fund.	Unit Head
<p>5. EXTERNAL EVALUATION – FEEDBACK PRESENTATION.</p>	
<p>A Progress Report and an Interim Report to the Executive were distributed to attendees. Noted the following comments:</p>	LSP Sect.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any increased decision making powers within the Executive Group will detract from powers currently within the delivery groups.Some members of the SafetyNet Partnership Board are unable to properly scrutinise the activities of the Executive Group as they have no detailed knowledge of the underlying issues.Delivery groups should set up time / outcome limited sub-sets to cover specific issues.Many of the evaluation's initial recommendations need to be further discussed and digested. Some can be addressed far sooner / easier than others.Neither the consultant nor contributors have attempted to prioritise the recommendations.A paper outlining Community Safety achievements in 2004 has been prepared.	
<p>ACTION: Distribute the above paper to all Executive Group members.</p>	Unit Head
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The report's recommendations need to be<ol style="list-style-type: none">included if possible in the new three year Strategy, andfurther discussed, with proposals to be brought back to a future Executive Group meeting.	
<p>6. DRAFT COMMUNITY COHESION STRATEGY – REVIEW & DISCUSSION.</p>	Unit Head
<p>Noted the following comments:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The relevant task group has been set up with some success to date. However, it is still in a fledgling state looking initially as cross-cutting / cross-referencing areas of community cohesion.Both the presentation and layout of content within the paper needs to be reviewed, particularly within the implementation plan.It would be useful for the task group to have a positive linkage with the Hate Crime unit.Any future proposals brought before the Executive Group could indicate how they would interact with the Community Cohesion Strategy.The Strategy covers six key areas including ethnicity, age and sexuality; the final paper should address this whole spread.The task group needs to be able to produce a fast response to current issues and should be bold in its activities.The Police have made very valuable contributions to past Community	

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	Cohesion activities. Each LSP Action Partnership should be seen to be providing pro-active support as well as acting as a 'critical friend'.
	ACTION: Circulate contact information for Shahid Mallam so that further comments and views from members can be sent to him.
7.	POSITIVE NEWS FROM SAFETYNET.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anti-Social Behaviour reduction measures, particularly around the Town Centre area, have been very well publicised.• Rollout of the Safer Neighbourhoods programme in a phased manner commencing on 17th January 2005.• Rollout of the Beat Sweeps programme – one Ward per month starting in January 2005. The programme created good visible activity and local communities will be 'primed' to participate in such actions as identifying and removing graffiti.
8.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS.
8.1	Prolific and Priority Offenders – a joint approach (involving the Probation Service) between Redbridge, Havering, Barking & Dagenham and Waltham Forest is to be the subject of a planned meeting.
8.2	Noted that a seminar to 'kick off' the Drug & Alcohol Strategy has been arranged for 7 th March 2005. Nominated lead individuals from each SafetyNet partner will be sought via email requests.
8.3	Len Norton announced his departure from Waltham Forest in March 2005 to take up an appointment with the London Borough of Redbridge. All attendees thanked him for his appreciable support within the SafetyNet Partnership.
9.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING.
	Wednesday 9 th February 2005 – 2.30pm to 5pm – Committee Room 2.

Agreed.....Chair

Date.....

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